

April 16, 2002

Public Notice for 401 Certification

Mountain Shadows Golf Course Wetlands Restoration/Creation Sonoma County

On January 16, 2002 the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Tom Fraser, on behalf of the Rohnert Park Golf, LLC, requesting approval for disturbances to waters of the state (wetlands) and other water quality impacts associated with the development of the proposed project.

As proposed, the project will impact 1.63 acres of wetland, 1.02 acres of pond, and 1.05 acres of riparian habitat. However, the project is designed to increase the amount of wetland and associated waters as part of the Mountain Shadows North Course reconstruction. All impacts will take place along a 2600 foot stretch of Cook Creek.

Construction is proposed to take place from April to October in order to avoid erosion problems and other water quality impacts that would be more prevalent during the winter months. Construction equipment will operate in portions of Cook Creek in order to expand the existing wetland, pond, and riparian areas. A total of 1.19 acres of wetland, 1.02 acres of pond, and 0.62 acres of riparian habitat will be excavated as a part of the project. These areas will then be expanded and restored, resulting in a net increase of wetland, pond, and riparian areas. When the proposed project is completed there will be 2.63 acres of wetland, 3.73 acres of pond, and 1.83 acres of riparian habitat. Native wetland species, native grasses, 300 riparian trees, and 225 riparian shrubs will be planted as part of the proposed restoration.

On December 11, 2001 the City of Rohnert Park gave their notice of intent to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project. A Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game has been applied for. A Federal Permit from the Army Corps of Engineers has also been requested.

At this time the Regional Water Quality Control Board is in the process of reviewing the proposed project regarding the issuance of the 401 Certification Permit. In addition, the Regional Water Quality Control Board will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Lauren Hocker by email at hockl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov, or send comments to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.